

REMARKS

In the present Office Action, the Examiner has divided the claims into two groups which are stated as being drawn to distinct inventions:

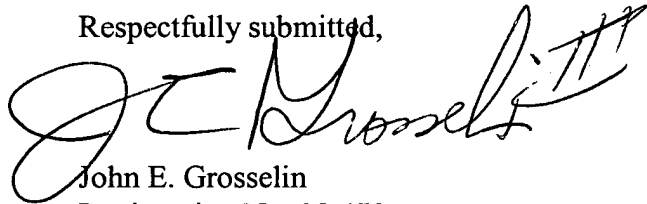
- I. Claims 1-12 and 16-27, drawn to a process, classified in class 216, subclass 63.
- II. Claim 13-15, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 134, subclass 147.

In view of the above, applicants herein elect to prosecute claims 1-12 and 16-27, corresponding to Group I.

Therefore, claims 13-15 are cancelled by this Amendment, without prejudice to the applicants' rights to make those claims the subject of divisional patent applications.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Election and Amendment

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John E. Grosselin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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